

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1. (currently amended): An ~~image~~ information processing method in an image processing ~~system in~~ apparatus which ~~plural~~ is capable of being accessed via a network by a plurality of client computers ~~and one or more color image forming apparatuses are connected~~, said method comprising the steps of:

~~retrieving a list of profiles in the color image forming apparatus, by using profile name designation information of a page description language received from the client computer;~~

registering profile list administration data including a list of profile names, profiles corresponding to each profile name and access information, each of the profiles being sent to the information processing apparatus from a client computer corresponding to a respective one of the profile names;

receiving image data, a profile name and access information of a client computer via the network;

comparing the received profile name with each profile name of the profile list administration data;

setting ~~the coincident~~ a profile corresponding to the profile name in a case where the received profile name is coincident with the profile name of the profile list administration data to a color ~~the~~ processing ~~controller~~ apparatus; [[and]]

performing the image forming processing on the received image data based on the set profile;

determining whether the received access information is coincident with the old access information; and

registering, in a case where the client computer is a new access client, information indicating access to the profile of the profile name designation information the access information to the registered profile list administration data in a case where the access information is new to the hold access information due to determining in said determining step.

2. - 4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): An ~~image~~ information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the access information indicates ~~the number of registrations of accessing a profile of the profile name designation information~~ the client computer accessing the set profile.

6. (currently amended): An image processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the received image data is data of page description language ~~does not include a real data portion of the profile~~ code. (image data is PDL code data)

7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended): An ~~image~~ information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the access information includes at least one of a network identifier of a user of the client computer and a client name of the user.

9. (currently amended): An ~~image~~ information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the information indicating the access includes at least one of a count of the number of access registrations, a network identifier of a user of the client computer and a client name of the user~~ the access information includes at least one of a number of client computers accessing the set profile, a network identifier of a user of the client computer and a client name of the user. (access information includes the number of clients accessed).

10. (currently amended): An ~~image~~ information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the information indicating the access~~ the access information is displayed on an operation unit of the client computer or the [[color]] image forming apparatus, and an operation unit of a digital [[color]] copying machine connected to the [[color]] image forming apparatus. (Fig. 7: access information is displayed).

11. (canceled).

12. (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program consisting of codes to execute an ~~image~~ information processing method in an image processing ~~system in~~ apparatus which ~~plural~~ is capable of being accessed via a

~~network by a plurality of client computers and one or more color image forming apparatuses are connected, said method comprising the steps of:~~

~~retrieving a list of profiles in the color image forming apparatus, by using profile name designation information of a page description language received from the client computer;~~

~~registering profile list administration data including a list of profile names, profiles corresponding to each profile name and access information, each of the profiles being sent to the information processing apparatus from a client computer corresponding to a respective one of the profile names;~~

~~receiving image data, a profile name and access information of a client computer via the network;~~

~~comparing the received profile name with each profile name of the profile list administration data;~~

~~setting the coincident a profile corresponding to the profile name in a case where the received profile name is coincident with the profile name of the profile list administration data to a color the processing controller apparatus; [[and]]~~

~~performing the image forming processing on the received image data based on the set profile;~~

~~determining whether the received access information is coincident with the old access information; and~~

~~registering, in a case where the client computer is a new access client, information indicating access to the profile of the profile name designation information the access information to the registered profile list administration data in a case where the~~

access information is new to the hold access information due to determining in said determining step.

13. - 16. (canceled).

17. (currently amended): An ~~image~~ information processing method ~~in a color image forming system in which plural clients and a color image forming apparatus are connected through a network, wherein the color image forming apparatus holds at least one or more color profile data, holds information concerning the client in regard to the color profile data, and judges in case~~ according to Claim 9, further comprising the step of deleting the color held profile data whether or not to delete the color profile data based on the access information concerning the client.

18. (currently amended): An ~~image~~ information processing method according to Claim [[17]] 1, wherein ~~the information concerning the client is discrimination information in regard to each of the plural clients that accessed~~ the access information includes discrimination information in regard to each of the plural client computers that accessed to the set profile (network identifier client name latest access data/time 304-1-n-in Fig. 6B).

19. - 22. (canceled).

23. (currently amended): An ~~image~~ information processing method according to Claim [[17]] 1, wherein a list of profile access information in regard to each of the plural client[[s]] computers is displayed.

24. (currently amended): An ~~image~~ information processing method according to Claim [[18]] 17, wherein ~~only the color profile that the number of the clients that accessed is equal to or higher than a profile deletion threshold~~ said deleting step includes deleting any of the held profiles for which the number of the client computers that have accessed that profile is lower than a predetermined threshold. (deletion protect period 300-7)..

25. - 28. (canceled).

29. (new): An information processing apparatus which is capable of being accessed via a network by a plurality of client computers, said apparatus comprising:

a registering unit adapted to register a profile list administration data including a list of profile names, profiles corresponding to the each profile name and an access information, each of the profiles being sent from a client computer to the image forming apparatus, corresponding to the each profile name;

a receiving unit adapted to receive an image data, a profile name and an access information of a client computer via the network;

a comparing unit adapted to compare the received profile name with the each profile name of the profile list administration data;

a setting unit adapted to set a profile corresponding to the profile name in case that the received profile name is coincident with the profile name of the profile list administration data to said image processing apparatus;

a processing unit adapted to perform the image forming process to the received image data based on the set profile;

a determining unit adapted to determine whether the received access information is coincident with the hold access information; and

a registering unit adapted to register the access information to the registered profile list administration data in case that the access information is new to the hold access information due to determining by said determining unit.